

HCR98 / HR52

Testimony

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in 2009, the Department of Transportation began
2 the widening of Queen Kaahumanu Highway on the island of Hawaii
3 and added a bicycle lane to north- and south-bound lanes; and
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5 WHEREAS, being located between two lanes of fast-moving
6 traffic, the south-bound bicycle lane proved to be a safety
7 concern; and
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9 WHEREAS, in December 2014, a restriping project commenced
10 along Queen Kaahumanu Highway south of the Makala Boulevard
11 intersection to address safety concerns; and
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13 WHEREAS, there are still significant concerns for public
14 safety at the intersection even after restriping and numerous
15 complaints from the community; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
20 Transportation is requested to convene a working group to
21 investigate and assess safety concerns and potential
22 improvements for Queen Kaahumanu Highway between Makala
23 Boulevard and Henry Street on the island of Hawaii; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
26 or the Director's designee is requested to serve as the
27 chairperson of the working group and that the following
28 individuals are invited to be members of the working group:
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- 1 (1) The Division Chief of the Public Works - Traffic
2 Division of the County of Hawaii, or their designee;
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4 (2) The Director of the Planning Department of the County
5 of Hawaii, or their designee;
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7 (3) The Chief of the Hawaii Police Department, or their
8 designee;
9
10 (4) The Executive Director of Peoples Advocacy for Trails
11 Hawaii, or their designee;
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13 (5) The President of the Board of the Hawaii Cycling Club,
14 or their designee;
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16 (6) A member of Coffee Talk Riders; and
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18 (7) Any other individual as determined by the Director of
19 Transportation; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
22 to report its findings, recommendations, and proposed
23 legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty
24 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
28 Transportation; the Mayor of the County of Hawaii; the Director
29 of Public Works of the County of Hawaii; the Director of the
30 Planning Department of the County of Hawaii; the Chief of the
31 Hawaii Police Department; the Board of Directors for Peoples
32 Advocacy for Trails Hawaii; the Board of the Hawaii Cycling
33 Club; and Coffee Talk Riders.
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OFFERED BY:

*Nicole E. Lunn**Ching Chan**Richard Lunn**Theresa F. Jones*

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OFFERED BY:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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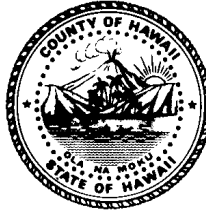
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House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of these resolutions. However, these resolutions are not necessary. The DOT is willing to meet with stakeholder groups to discuss their concerns on the restriping of Queen Kaahumanu Highway from Makala Boulevard to Henry Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Karen Eoff
Council Member, N. Kona
Chair, Finance Committee



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March 23, 2015

House Committee on Transportation
Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair

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DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 309

Re: **Support for HCR98**

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Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti and House Committee Members:

I am writing this letter to you today in strong support of HCR 98. The restriping project along Queen Kahumanu Highway, between Makala Boulevard and Henry Street, on the island of Hawaii has caused confusion and safety hazards for both motorists and bicyclists.

Establishing a working group to take a close look at what can be done to alleviate the concerns would be the wisest thing to do given the circumstances.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Eoff".

KAREN EOFF, Council Member
District 8, North Kona



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Meeting Room 309

Re: H.C.R. No 98 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Dear Chair Aquino and Vice Chair LoPresti,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding H.C.R. 98.

PATH is a grassroots bicycling and pedestrian advocacy organization with a strong interest in developing safe, connected active transportation networks that allow for walking and bicycling on Hawaii Island.

PATH supports the purpose of H.C.R. 98 to convene a working group to investigate and assess safety concerns and potential improvements for Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, particularly from Makala Blvd to Henry Street. While we applaud the Department of Transportation for taking action to remove the "floating bikelane", we find the recent changes to be confusing for motorists and cyclist alike. With three car/bike crashes, two resulting in fatalities, within an 18th month period on Hawaii Island roads, our island is among the most dangerous places in the state to be a bicyclist or pedestrian. We need to accelerate our bicycle plan projects and deliver on safe, convenient cycling and pedestrian connectivity through sidewalks and shared use pathways, and make our roadways safe for all users.

We are interested in working with a coalition of County and State leaders and Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy users to come up with a comprehensive report and recommendations for proposed legislation by the Regular Session of 2016. This Resolution will help to move the State forward towards implementation that works best for our unique Big Island rural transportation system.

We strongly urge you to pass this resolution. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.
Sincerely,

Tina Clothier
Executive Director
PATH~Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii



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Re: HR 52 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Dear Chair Aquino and Vice Chair LoPresti,

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We strongly urge you to pass this resolution. Mahalo for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely,

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3/23/2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES / TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

RE: HR 52 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Position: Strongly Support

I strongly support an investigation and assessment of the current state of the Queen Kaahumanu Highway from Makala Blvd. to Henry Street. The way it has been recently re painted is very dangerous. It currently hinders the flow of traffic for merging vehicles and does not provide a safe route for cyclists. We need to find a safe solution that allows motor vehicles and cyclists to safely share the road.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Mattson C. Davis
Kona Brewing Company
Managing Director, Hawaii Restaurant Operations

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Submitted on: 3/24/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Hodel	Hawaii Cycling Club	Support	No

Comments: There is a commonsense design that will give back more lane space and clear merge lanes to motorists AND make this dangerous stretch of highway safer for cyclists. Let's get this done!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derinda L Thatcher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Though my spouse and I appreciate the efforts to improve bike safety in Kailua Kona, and we are excited to see the government add bike lanes, the existing improvements which place a cyclist in the middle of 2 lanes of traffic is dangerous. We are both cyclists and live in an area close to these bike lanes. It would make sense for us to ride from home using the lanes however the dangers from cars have us taking our bikes in a vehicle to a safer start point, adding traffic to the roads rather than leaving from home. I have nearly been hit in this lane as a motorist is not expecting to see a cyclist in the middle of the road. Cyclists feel safest with a shoulder to ride on. Motorist expect cyclist to be on the shoulder not in a middle lane of traffic. We do believe this is a situation which needs to be addressed before more cyclists are injured and someone dies. We have already had too many accidents in this area with these improvements.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean B Silber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Investigating and assessing the safety concerns and potential improvements for Queen Kaahumanu Highway from Maakala Blvd to Henry St. in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii would be most beneficial to the overall movement of citizens traveling this major transportation corridor.

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Douglas Ashworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: So glad to see someone taking a look at a dangerous situation. I avoid that portion as much as possible. Put bikes on the right where we belong.

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Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support this resolution and that it also calls for stakeholder conversations surrounding potential improvements in the mentioned areas. Mahalo, Shane Nelsen

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Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

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Franz Weber	Individual	Support	No

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Lyman Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

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Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Traub ND	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm a regular cyclist in Kona. The bike lane patterns between Makala and Henry are hazardous and should be changed so that the bike lane is at the far right of the shoulder lane. If not done soon, this situation will result in a cyclist being seriously injured or killed. It's just a matter of time.

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Peggy McArdle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I fully Support. Please leave the Queen K highway as originally designed and built. There are more accidents from the change and the traffic flow has been negatively impacted. The "NoGo" zones are a waste of asphalt. Mahalo.

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Kristi Van Pernis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Voicing support for HR52 " I support a task force or work group to quickly assess best way to improve and integrate safe bike lanes and paths in this area. This is a significant issue for West Hawaii as we are world spotlight for Ironman and sponsor many healthy events that generate great excitement and revenue for our beautiful State".

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Ralph Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The egress of vehicles onto the Hwy from Makala to Henry is very dangerous. Drivers drive on the stripped side road or pull into the stripped area as if it were part of the road. I have been forced into the driving lane by drivers speeding by on my right side. Drivers are looking back to get on the highway & have almost hit me riding & running. The roads in general have too small of a shoulder and is a hazard for even walkers.

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steve sudela	Individual	Support	No

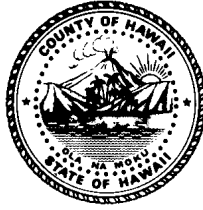
Comments: I travel the roads in Kona where the merge lanes have been altered several times a day. Since the removal of the merge function, I have seen traffic stack up considerably on both the Kaiwi/King Kam intersection southbound, and the Henry/King Kam intersection northbound. As well, due to the removal of the timely merge into traffic scenario, there is no time to evaluate the traffic flow situation in a safe manner as there has been in the past. This is not only more hazardous to automobile traffic, but to bicycle traffic as well. I'm not sure why this was changed in the first place, but if it was to create a safer situation for bikers, it has not. Even though I'm not a fan of the bicycle lane being in between two lanes of traffic (as far as I'm concerned, that's a hazard in itself!), it has had the opposite effect regarding safety to all. Regards, Steve Sudela

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March 25, 2015

TO: The Honorable Henry Aquino, Chair
Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Dru Mamo Kanuha, Council Chair

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR NO. 98 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUEEN KA'AHUMANU HIGHWAY FROM MAKALA BOULEVARD TO HENRY STREET ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAI'I.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HCR No. 98. We have received numerous requests from our constituents to look into safety improvements on Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway from Makala Boulevard to Henry Street on Hawai'i Island. The recent restriping project in the area has created further confusion and safety hazards for both motorists and bicyclists.

Convening a working group to investigate and assess safety concerns and potential improvements for the area is a great idea.